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Title: References made to the passing away of Shri D. K. Naikar (Member Seventh to Tenth Lok Sabha) on 31 July, 1999, Shri O. Bharathan (Member Eleventh Lok Sabha) on 3 March, 2001 and Shri Kunwar Mahmad Ali Khan (Member of Sixth Lok Sabha) on 22 April, 2001 respectively.

(Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of three of our esteemed former colleagues, Sarvashri D.K. Naikar, O.Bharathan and Kunwar Mahmud Ali Khan.

Shri D.K. Naikar was a Member of Seventh to Tenth Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1996 representing Dharwad North Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka.

Earlier, Shri Naikar was a Member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 1978. He served as a Minister in Karnataka Government for several years and held various important portfolios.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Naikar served as Chairman, Committee of Privileges during 1985-86. He was also a member of the Committee on Public Undertakings from 1984 to 1986; Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 1989; and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Labour and Welfare during 1990.

An advocate by profession, Shri Naikar was a well-known social and political worker. He worked relentlessly for the social and economic development of the poor, downtrodden and the weaker sections of the society.

Shri D.K. Naikar passed away on 31 July, 1999 at Dharwad, Karnataka at the age of 72.

Shri O. Bharathan was a Member of Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997 representing Badagara Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala.

Earlier, Shri Bharathan was a Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly from 1982 to 1996.

An active social and political worker, Shri Bharathan was associated with various trade unions.

Shri Bharathan also contributed short stories, poems and articles in various publications in Malayalam and was instrumental in setting up of public libraries and reading rooms.

Shri O. Bharathan passed away on 3 March, 2001 at Kannur, Kerala at the age of 70.

Shri Kunwar Mahmud Ali Khan was a Member of Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Hapur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Khan was a Member of Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1957 to 1962 and served as a member of various Committees in that House.

Shri Khan adorned the office of the Governor of Madhya Pradesh from 1990 to 1993.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Khan was also a member of the Committee on Government Assurances from 1977 to 1979.

Hailing from an agriculturist family, Shri Khan worked relentlessly for the betterment of the lot of farmers; uplift of the weaker sections of the society and for improving the conditions of the labour class. He took special interest in activities relating to civic amenities including establishing hospitals in rural areas.

A true patriot, Shri Khan worked throughout his life for national integration.

Shri Kunwar Mahmud Ali Khan passed away on 22nd April, 2001 in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 81.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)